

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4156
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MISAPPROPRIATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Rural Development funds in Assam meant for IAY, JRY, Million Wells etc. are being misappropriated particularly in Nalbari, Barpeta and Bongaigaon;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof, and the action taken against the officials, found guilty in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development has not received any complaint regarding misappropriation of rural development funds specifically to Nalbari, Barpeta and Bongaigaon Districts of Assam. However, complaints have been received about misappropriation of funds meant for poverty alleviation and rural development programmes in Assam, in general.

(b)&(c): These complaints have been forwarded to the State Government for examination and for taking appropriate action. A Team of officers from the Ministry of Rural Development had also visited a few Districts in Assam recently to review the implementation of the poverty alleviation and rural development programmes. Based on their discussion with the officials of District Rural Development Agencies, beneficiaries of the programmes and observations from the field visits, the Team suggested to the representatives of Assam Government to strictly comply with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Rural Development for implementation of its programmes.